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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Alex Toback

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Date of Interview Feb 4, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:

Metal strips samples of Applicant's connection system demonstrating shear wall load resistance value applications and tests data.

Claim(s) discussed: Independent claims

Identification of prior art discussed:

Orowan (US patent 3,655,424)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant argued that the independent claims present in the application define over the art of record because the result of Applicant's connection system is far more superior to what the prior art teaches. However the examiner maintains that there is no structural difference between Applicant's invention and the art of record to sustain the recitation of the intended result. Applicant will file an Official response in due course.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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Examiner's signature, if required